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Dear Max:

I was pleased to see you again at Oak Ridge but am sorry we could not manage a longer conference. I hope that your leads on diploidy in E. coli B will hold up. It occurred to me that you might be interested to compare the curious cultures you are now getting with some diploids in strain K-12. Would you be interested to have me send you a Het culture like W-478 so that you might synthesize such diploids for your own amusement? If so, drop me a line when it suits you and I will send the material out.

Yours sincerely,

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